(c) whether there are complaints against C.B.I. that they are in the clutches of Ruling Government and many items they have been extra considerate and partial towards the Government trusted accused but over rigid and unduly harsh and effective against opposition party leaders and functionaries; and

(d) the measures in the offing to make them really independent and professional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The CBI has been accorded autonomy under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 as amended by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 for investigation of cases.

With the enactment of the CVC Act 2003, the superintendence over the functioning of the CBI in so far as it to the investigation of offences alledged to have been committed under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 now vests with the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). The Director CBI is appointed on the basis of recommendation of a Committee headed by the CVC and holds office for a period of not less than 2 years notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the rules relating to his conditions of service. The appointment of officers of the rank of Superintendent of Police and above and extension or curtailment of their tenure in the CBI is also made on the recommendation of the Committee headed by the CVC.

The CBI conducts investigation under the provisions of Cr. P.C. and enjoys full functional autonomy. The CBI undertakes investigation strictly as per provisions of law. The final report of each investigation is filed in the competent court as required under section 173 of the Cr. C.P.

A number of measures have already been taken by the Government to strengthen the CBI which *inter-alia*, include modernization and upgradation of infrastructure and capacity building of officers and staff of the CBI.

Appeals filed before CIC

4657. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals filed before Central Information Commission

under the Right to Information Act, 2005 since the date of its enforcement;

(b) the number of appeal disposed of till this date;

(c) the number of appeals decided, partly or otherwise, in favour of parties seeking information;

(d) the number of cases decided against the party seeking information till this date;

(e) whether some files in the office of appellate authority are found missing; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Central Information Commission received a total of 6277 appeals under the Right to Information Act, 2005 upto 30.4.2007 of which 3525 have been disposed of.

(c) and (d) 1950 appeals were decided partly or otherwise in favour of appellants and 542 against the appellants. In other cases, the appeals were returned for deficiency or the appellants were explained the procedure or the appellants withdrew their appeals etc.

(e) No appeal case has been reported to be missing from the Central Information Commission.

(f) Does not arise.

Appointment of section Officers

4658. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 3298 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether despite WP No. 13245-60/2005 pending in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and therefore-*sub-judice* the posts of Section Officers of CSS were not only filled up through the S.O. Grade Limited Departmental Competitive Examination, 2003 results, but also by Departmental Examinations held during 2004 and 2005; and